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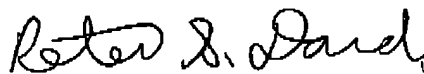
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request clarification of the status of the Office Action mailed on February 4, 2003. Both the box marked FINAL and the box marked NON-FINAL were checked on the Office Action Summary sheet. A copy of the sheet is attached. Nothing else in the Office Action indicated the status of the Office Action. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request clarification of whether the Office Action is Final or Non-Final.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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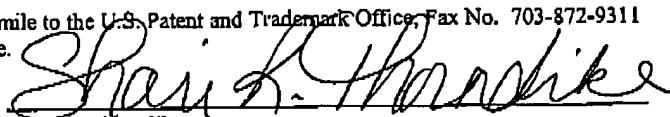
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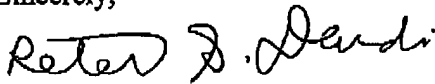
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Attached please find the following document for filing in the above-identified patent application:

- 1) Letter in response to Office Action dated February 4, 2003.

Sincerely,



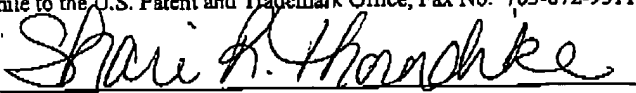
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